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**Re: HB-5725, An Act Concerning the Statewide Phosphorus Reduction Plan**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB-5725.

Plainville's Water Pollution Control Superintendent Joe Alosso and I attended both of the meetings on phosphorus reduction held by the state Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) in late November and early December.

Although the meetings were useful in updating communities regarding DEEP's phosphorus reduction strategy, we believe HB-5725 is needed to ensure that DEEP works in collaboration with the affected municipalities to evaluate and make recommendations on a statewide strategy to reduce phosphorus loading in inland nontidal waters to comply with EPA Standards.

A process in which state agencies and interested parties work together in partnership is a powerful tool for developing thoughtful, balanced policies that will benefit the environment and make economic sense for our communities.

In addition, we support efforts to **increase the rate of reimbursement to municipalities for phosphorous removal at sewage treatment plants to fifty per cent, and urge your support for this revision.**

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